Configure the Merge of Management and Diagnostic Interface in FMC

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Introduction

This document describes the steps to configure the merge of the management and diagnostic interfaces, feature added in FTD 7.4.0 version release.

Prerequisites

Cisco recommended you have knowledge on these topics:

- Cisco Secure Firewall Threat Defense (FTD)
- Cisco Secure Firewall Manager Center (FMC)

Background information

In Version 7.3 and earlier, the physical management interface is shared between the Diagnostic logical interface (Lina) and the Management logical interface (Linux).

In Version 7.4 and later, the Diagnostic interface is merged with Management for a simplified user experience.

For new devices using 7.4 and later, you cannot use the legacy Diagnostic interface. Only the merged Management interface is available.

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

• Virtual Cisco Secure Firewall Threat Defense (FTD), version 7.4.2

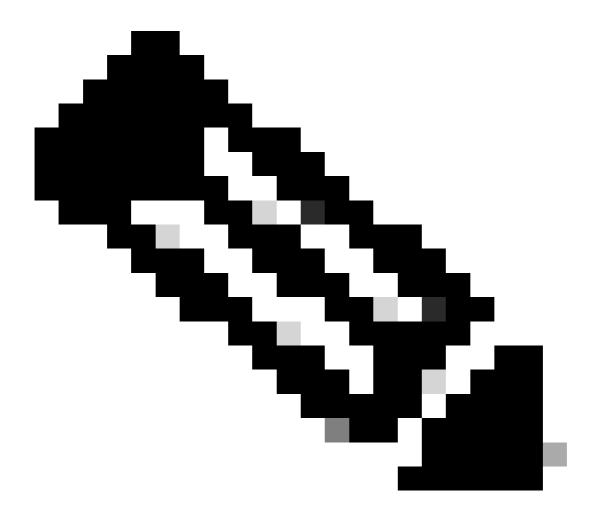
• Virtual Cisco Secure Firewall Manager Center (FMC), version 7.4.2

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Configure

If you upgraded to 7.4 or later, and you have configuration for the Diagnostic interface, then you have the choice to merge the interfaces manually, or you can continue to use the separate Diagnostic interface.

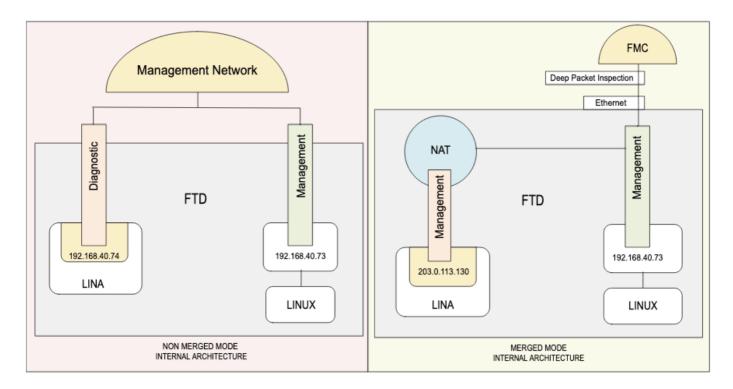
In case you did not have any configuration for the Diagnostic interface, the interfaces merge is done automatically.



Note: Support for the Diagnostic interface is to be removed in a later release, therefore, plan to merge the interfaces as soon as possible.

FTD Internal Architecture Diagram

Converged Management Interface Overview



Overview of the Internal Architecture before and after Convergence Management Interface

On the left, the internal architecture for Diagnostic logical interface (Lina) and the Management logical interface (Linux). Version 7.3 and earlier.

On the right, the internal architecture for a single Management interface. Lina access to the management network uses the NAT service.

Convergence Procedure

In the case where configuration exists in the Diagnostic interface, the interfaces are not merged automatically after an upgrade, and you need to perform the convergence procedure.

This procedure requires you to acknowledge configuration changes, and in some cases, manually fix the configuration.

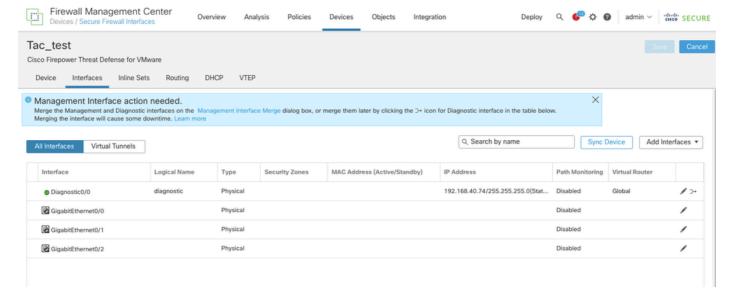
To view the current mode of the device, enter the show management-interface converge command at the FTD CLI Clish

> show management-interface convergence
no management-interface convergence

That result shows that the Management interfaces are not merged.

Step 1.

On the FMC UI, navigate to **Devices > Device Management**, and select the FTD to be edit. It opens directly to the **Interfaces** tab.

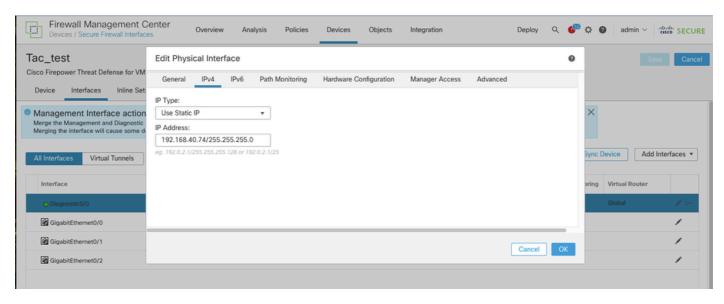


Action needed to merge Diagnostic and Management Interface after device upgrade to software version 7.4.2

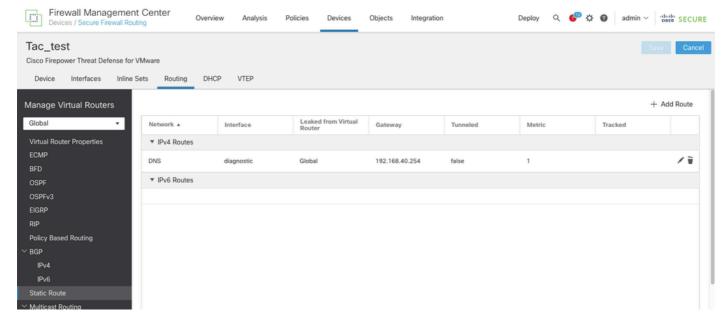
Step 2.

Remove all configuration on the Diagnostic interface. It is mandatory that the Diagnostic interface do not have any configuration to continue with the merge.

For example, in this Diagnostic interface, there is: IP address and Static route.



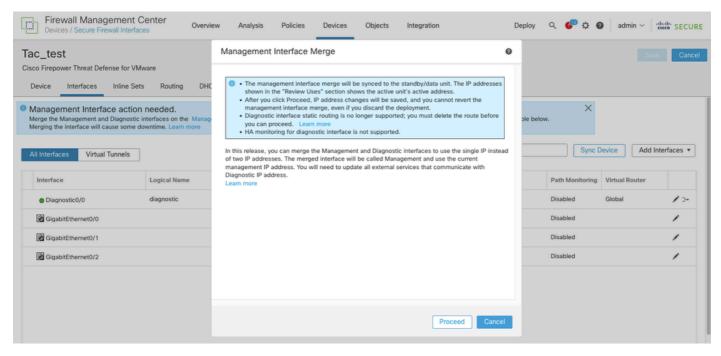
Remove Diagnostic interface IP address



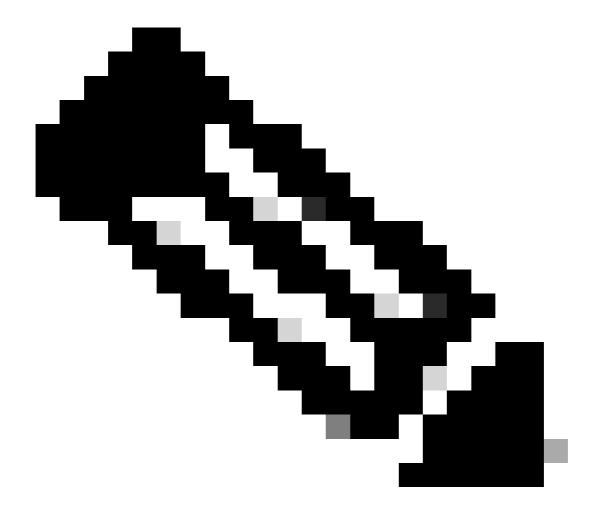
Static Route configure on Diagnostic interface

Step 3.

Click on the **Management Interface Merge** action needed area or the **Merge icon** next to Edit icon (pencil) on the Diagnostic interface.

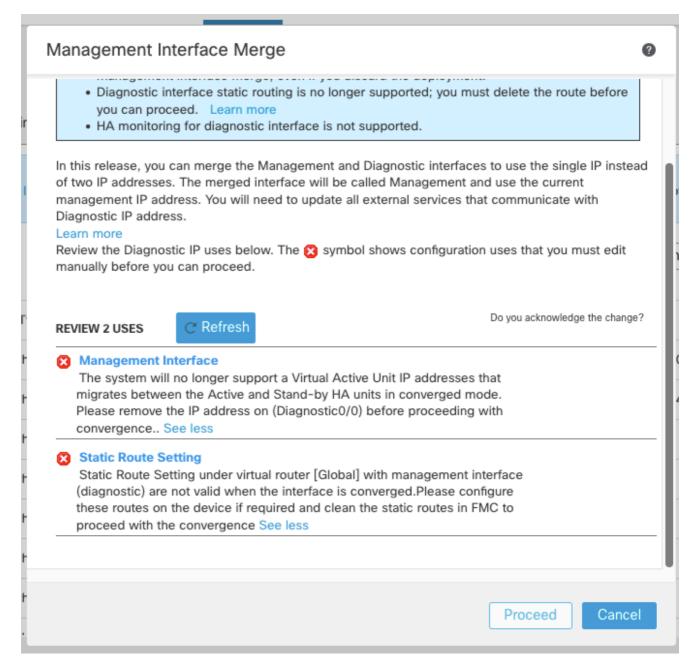


Management Interface Merge information before proceed



Note: For High Availability pairs and clusters, perform this task on the active/control unit. The merged configuration is replicated automatically to the standby/data units.

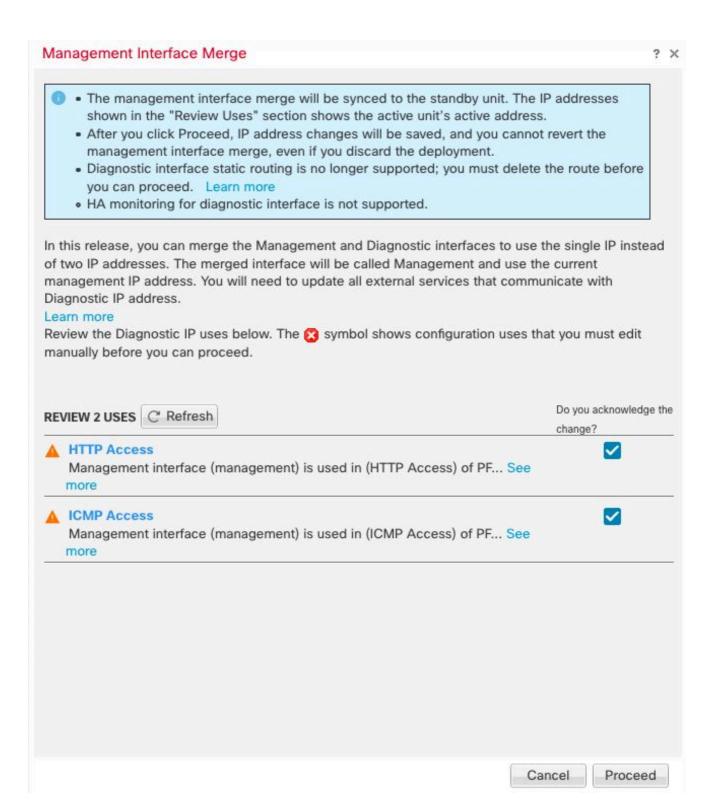
• For any occurrence that requires to be manual change or removal, a warning icon can appear.



Example of warning about configurations needed to be removed before merge

If that is the case: cancel the dialog box, proceed with the removal of the configuration or reconfiguration, and then reopen the Management Interface Merge dialog box.

• Platform Settings that are going to work on the device are marked with a caution icon and require acknowledgement.



Example of warning of Platform Settings configurations that must be edited

• Click the box in **Do you acknowledge the change?** column, and then click **Proceed.**

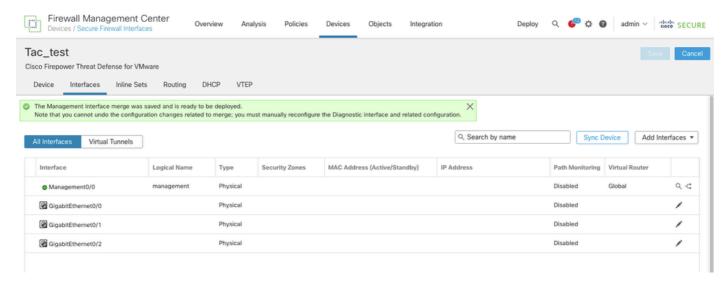
Step 4.

After the configuration is merged, a banner of success is shown:

"The Management interface merge was saved and is ready to be deployed.

Note that you cannot undo the configuration changes related to merge; you must manually reconfigure the Diagnostic interface and related configuration."

Deploy the the new merged configuration.



Management interface merge is saved and ready to be deployed

The Management interface is shown on the Interfaces page, although it is read-only.

After deployment, the convergence procedure on Management interface is complete.

Step 5. Optional

If you had any external services that communicated with the Diagnostic interface, you need to change their configuration to use the Management interface IP address, as the Management Route fallback has been removed on converged mode.

For example:

- SNMP client
- RADIUS server
- DNS server to be reachable via the management network, the user must explicitly select "Enable DNS Lookup via diagnostic/Management Interface also." on Platform Settings > DNS configuration as an exception is set for DNS lookups and ICMP (ping and traceroute): in these cases, the threat defense uses data and then fall back to management automatically if a route is not found.

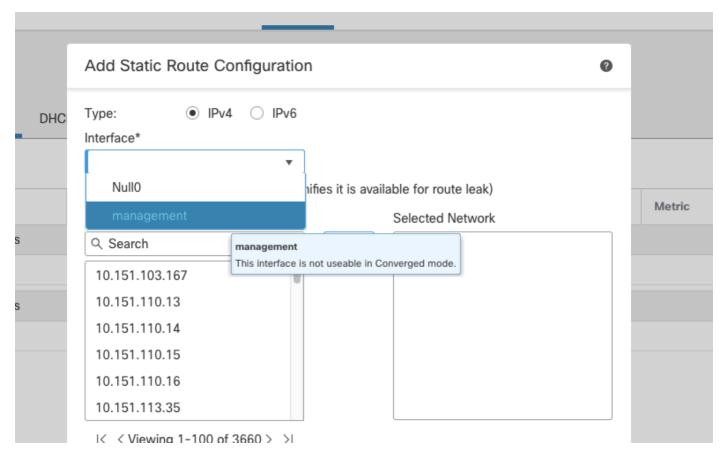
The use of static routes for management interface can only be configured via the FTD CLI Clish (Linux)

Lina management port default route sends all frames to the Linux module.

> configure network static-routes ipv4 add management ?

IP address AAA.BBB.CCC.DDD where each part is in the range 0-255 destination address

On the FMC UI, the Management interface is grayed out for selection.

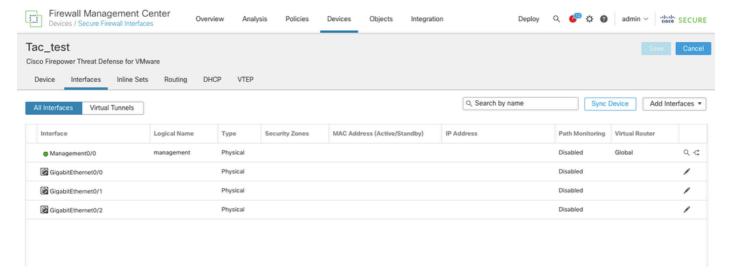


Management interface is not available for selection on static routes after merge is complete.

Verify

Expected changes after merge on the Management Interface

- Verify the convergence mode on FTD CLI Clish by executing command
- > show management-interface convergence
 management-interface convergence
 - On FMC UI, the Interface name is changed to Management 0/0, Logical name to management.



Merge confirmation on Management Interface name and Logical name

• On FTD CLI Clish, the new IP addresses are automatically configured on Lina for Management interface.

NAT is used as an internal implementation: The internal private IPv4 address 203.0.113.130 and IPv6 address fd00:0:1:1::2 are the ones assigned (both subject to change).

Those IPs are NATed to the public Linux Kernel FTD IPv4 and IPv6 addresses, therefore there is no need for public IPs on Lina anymore.

In expert mode, "ifconfig" displays Internal IPv4 (203.0.113.129) and IPv6 (fd00:0:1:1::1) address for Linux.

Troubleshoot - Study Case

In this study case, the Diagnostic interface on a virtual FTD has configured a separate IP addresses for connectivity to external services of DNS Lookup, before upgrade to 7.4.2.

After the upgrade to 7.4.2, the convergence is needed, this is how the configuration in the FMC UI, FTD CLI Lina and Linux is, before and after the merge.

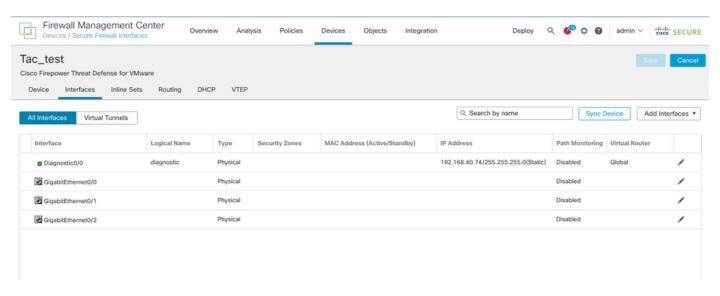
There are also traffic captures on FTD CLI Lina and Linux to show the traffic using the logical Diagnostic

interface move to use the Management interface.

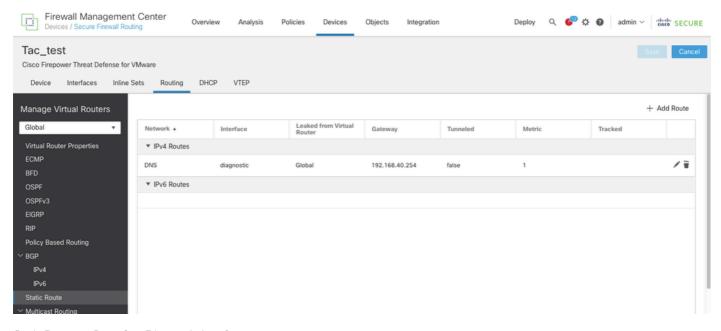
Before Convergence Configuration

The Diagnostic interface has a separate IP and a static route for the DNS Lookup, this way it works using both logical interfaces from Lina to Linux in the FTD.

FMC UI Configuration



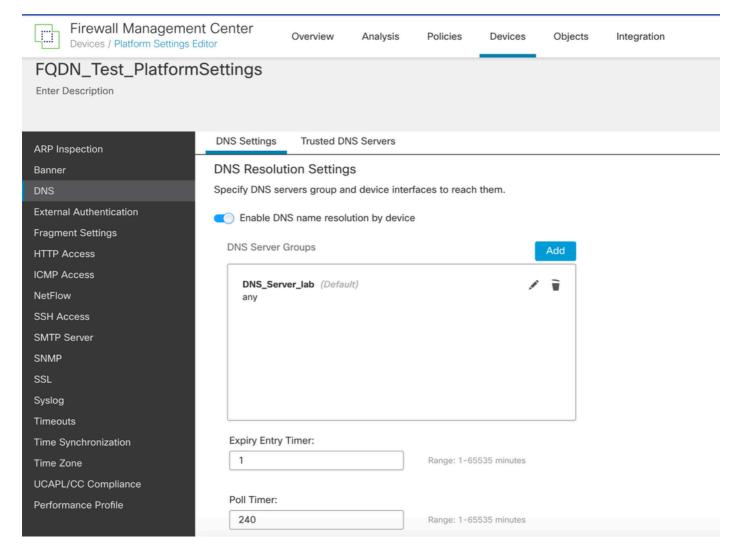
Diagnostic interface configuration before merge



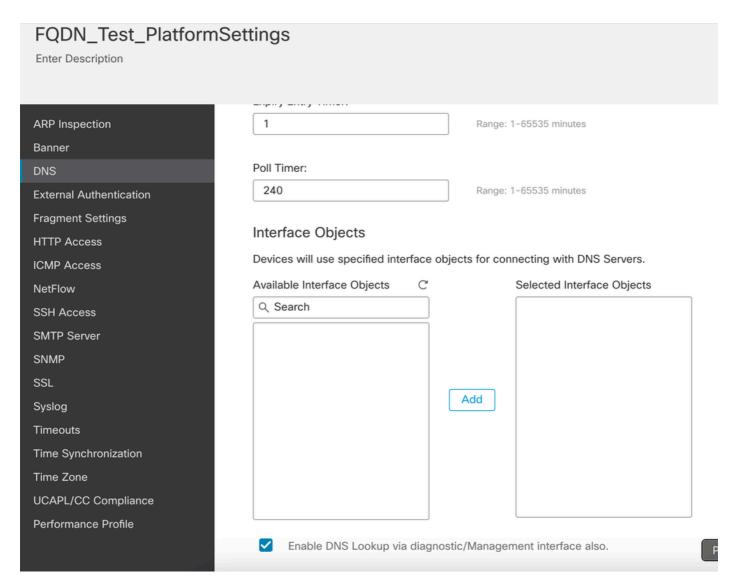
Static Route configured on Diagnostic interface

DNS configuration over

Devices > Platform Settings, select the policy, then **DNS** tab.



DNS configuration in Platform Settings



Check box selected for Enable DNS Lookup via diagnostic/Management interface also

Configuration for Diagnostic Interface over FTD Lina

```
interface Management0/0
management-only
nameif diagnostic
cts manual
 propagate sgt preserve-untag
 policy static sgt disabled trusted
 security-level 0
 ip address 192.168.40.74 255.255.255.0
ftd01# sh ip
System IP Addresses:
Interface
                         Name
                                                 IP address
                                                                 Subnet mask
                                                                                 Method
Management0/0
                         diagnostic
                                                 192.168.40.74
                                                                 255.255.255.0
                                                                                 manual
Current IP Addresses:
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Management0/0
                         diagnostic
                                                 192.168.40.74
                                                                 255.255.255.0
                                                                                 manua1
ftd01# sh route management-only
Routing Table: mgmt-only
Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
```

DNS configuration on FTD CLI Lina

```
ftd01# sh run dns
dns domain-lookup diagnostic
DNS server-group DNS_Server_lab
    retries 5
    timeout 15
    name-server 10.10.10.10 diagnostic
    domain-name test.lab
DNS server-group DefaultDNS
dns-group DNS_Server_lab
```

ftd01#

Capture on the diagnostic interface for DNS traffic going to the DNS server 10.10.10.10

Capture on Linux expert mode, to confirm the correct flow of the DNS Lookup traffic on the Management interface from the Diagnostic interface

```
root@ftd01:/home/admin# tcpdump -i br1 port 53
HS_PACKET_BUFFER_SIZE is set to 4.
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on br1, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
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04:58:14.648941 IP 192.168.40.74.49171 > 10.10.10.10.domain: 5655+ AAAA? cisco.com. (27) 04:58:29.656317 IP 192.168.40.74.11606 > 10.10.10.10.domain: 26905+ A? cisco.com. (27) 04:58:44.686568 IP 192.168.40.74.11606 > 10.10.10.10.domain: 24324+ A? cisco.com. (27) 04:58:59.704586 IP 192.168.40.74.11606 > 10.10.10.10.domain: 35592+ A? cisco.com. (27) 04:59:14.742685 IP 192.168.40.74.11606 > 10.10.10.10.domain: 40993+ A? cisco.com. (27) 04:59:29.763690 IP 192.168.40.74.11606 > 10.10.10.10.domain: 62225+ A? cisco.com. (27) 04:59:44.796484 IP 192.168.40.74.11606 > 10.10.10.10.domain: 25350+ A? cisco.com. (27)
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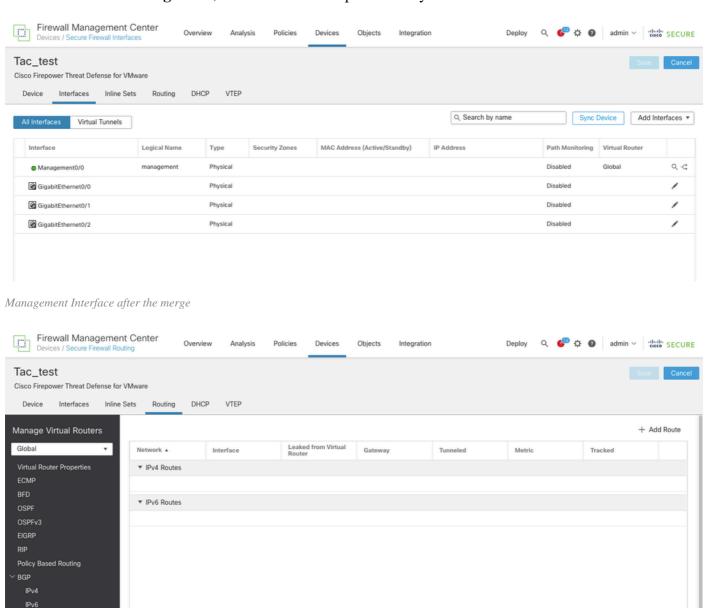
After Convergence Configuration

As mention on the convergence procedure, in order to do the merge, all configurations on the Diagnostic Interface must be removed.

These is the information on FMC and FTD CLI once the Merge is complete.

Management Interface configuration over FMC UI

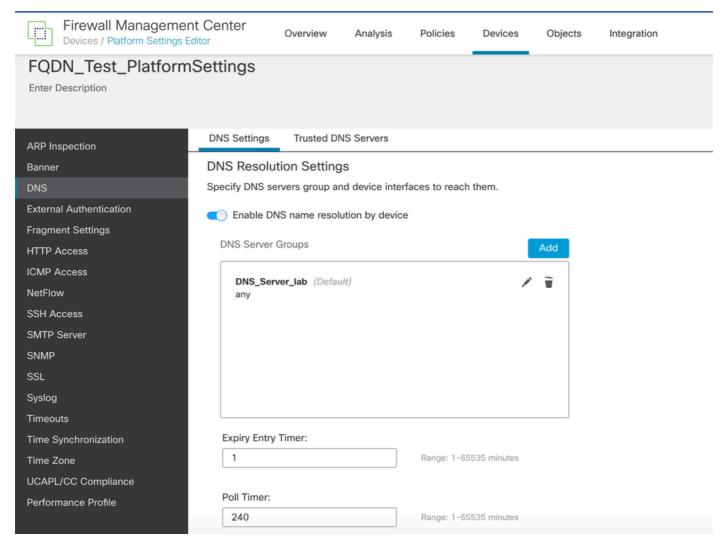
Devices > Device Management, select the FTD. It opens directly to the **Interfaces** tab.



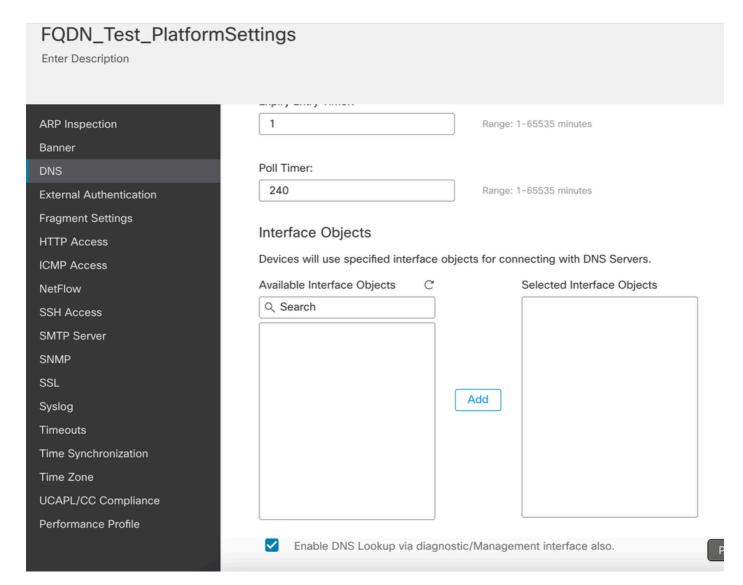
DNS configuration must remain the same on Platform Settings.

Devices > Platform Settings, select the policy, then **DNS** tab.

In order for the DNS Lookup to continue to be sent to the Management Interface without the need to add a static route, the "Enable DNS Lookup via diagnostic/Management interface also." must remain selected.



DNS configuration on Platform Settings



Option for Enable DNS Lookup via diagnostic/Management interface also must remain the same

Configuration on the FTD CLI

>	show	interface	iр	brief
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Interface	IP-Address	OK? Method	Status	Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0	unassigned	YES unset	administratively d	own up
GigabitEthernet0/1	unassigned	YES unset	administratively d	own up
GigabitEthernet0/2	unassigned	YES unset	administratively d	own up
Internal-Control0/0	127.0.1.1	YES unset	up	up
Internal-Control0/1	unassigned	YES unset	up	up
Internal-Data0/0	unassigned	YES unset	down	up
Internal-Data0/0	unassigned	YES unset	up	up
Internal-Data0/1	169.254.1.1	YES unset	up	up
Internal-Data0/2	unassigned	YES unset	up	up
Management0/0	203.0.113.130	YES unset	up	up

```
Routing Table: mgmt-only

Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP

D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area

N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2

E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2, V - VPN

i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2

ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route

o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, + - replicated route

SI - Static InterVRF, BI - BGP InterVRF

Gateway of last resort is not set
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DNS configuration on FTD CLI on LINA side

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20:20:33.623533 IP ftd01.33417 > umbrella.domain: 20595+ PTR? 10.10.10.10.in-addr.arpa. (42)
20:20:48.660172 IP ftd01.60310 > 10.10.10.10.domain: 41252+ A? cisco.com. (27)
20:20:52.638426 IP ftd01.39304 > umbrella.domain: 20595+ PTR? 10.10.10.10.in-addr.arpa. (42)
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20:21:09.669305 IP ftd01.50173 > umbrella.domain: 57694+ AAAA? ftd01. (23)
20:21:11.659352 IP ftd01.48092 > umbrella.domain: 46478+ PTR? opendns.in-addr.arpa. (45)
20:21:14.673992 IP ftd01.58547 > umbrella.domain: 57694+ AAAA? ftd01. (23)
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20:21:18.695507 IP ftd01.60310 > 10.10.10.10.domain: 29973+ A? cisco.com. (27)
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With this evidence, it can be confirmed that the DNS Lookup continue to work even if no static route is added on the Management interface via Linux.